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REMARKS

The last Office Action of July 27, 2005 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration of the instant application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's reasoning in the Office Action is based on a misinterpretation of the word "flat". The Examiner has interpreted the reference to "flat" as a linear or straight configuration of the permanent magnets, as shown in Fig. 2. This is however incorrect. "Flat" has been used as translation of the German word "flächig" in German patent application 103 01 079.3, based on which priority is claimed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), and is intended to relate to a surface area that is covered by the permanent magnets, regardless whether a linear surface is involved or a curved surface, as shown in Fig. 4.

In order to be clear on this point, applicant has amended claims 1 and 13 by deleting the reference to "flat arrangement". Please note, as described in paragraph [0007], an essential feature of the present invention is the provision of a pre-fabricated module to provide a permanent magnet structure that allows the customer to make a rotor for a permanent-magnet excited synchronous motor in a simple manner by attaching the structure, e.g., on a hollow shaft, and securing it with appropriate means. The actual disposition of the permanent magnet structure in the module is hereby secondary.

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Thus, it is applicant's contention that the election of the species of Fig. 4 is proper, and this application is now in order for early action at least on the merits of claims 1-10, 12-15.

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